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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 090986

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:MASS, JO, IR

SUBJECT: REBUILD BY IRAN OF JORDANIAN M48 TANKS

REFERENCE: A. AMMAN 3052  
/ B. STATE 076391  
C. STATE 054135

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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 090986 SENT ACTION AMMAN INFO SECDEF

DA CDRUSASAC APR 08.

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